

In addition to his distinguished career in journalism and foreign affairs, John was a well-known and active member of his community in Washington. A lifelong advocate for conservation and environmental issues, John chaired Connecticut's Council on Environmental Quality during Governor Weicker's administration and was an instrumental champion of the campaign to protect the Shepaug River. Locally, he served as a board member of the Washington Community Housing Trust. The Town of Washington recognized John's tremendous contributions and passion for service in 2014 with the Stephen Reich award, the town's highest honor for citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, John Millington led a remarkable career and enthusiastically lent his talents to improve Washington, Connecticut, and our country. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his life and memory here today. John Millington was a friend and a mentor, and I miss his wise counsel. My condolences go out to his wife, Edwina, and to his children and grandchildren. Those of us who knew John will cherish his memory, and his legacy will live on in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG MEN'S
AND YOUNG WOMEN'S HEBREW
ASSOCIATION

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Young Men's & Young Women's Hebrew Association (YM&YWA)—colloquially known as the “Y”—of Washington Heights and Inwood. On this agency's centennial anniversary, I want to highlight the indelible impact this institution has impressed upon our children and adults in our community of all backgrounds over several generations in New York's 13th district.

Since its founding in 1917 the mission of the “Y” has never wavered. The tradition of *tikkun olam*—literally “repairing the world”—has been exemplified by the “Y” in its acts of kindness and community service. Staff and lifelong volunteers have always looked to their neighbors to evaluate the most pressing needs and find out the best way to serve the needs of the community. Over the last century, Washington Heights & Inwood has seen multiple changes to its composition and outward face. Each year, a group of Jewish and Dominican students work together to study the history of the Dominican Republic's immigration policies prior to WWII, making the country one of a few safe harbors for Jews fortunate enough to escape Germany.

What binds these diverse populations to New York's 13th district is the “Y” embracing the mantle of the Mother of Exiles as Emma Lazarus wrote in *The New Colossus*. In its early years, the “Y” dealt with the aftermath of World War I and World War II resettling refugees from abroad here in our community. During the 1970s, the “Y” aided Jewish refugees from Russia with the same urgency and compassion afforded earlier in the century. This is emblematic of its mission to meet the needs of the time and people which has never wavered.

Over the last 100 years that has included providing access to social services; offering

English classes and citizenship tutoring; assisting those with mental health concerns; launching the first day camp for neighborhood children; developing a thriving nursery school; opening a center for new parents; building a 100-unit independent living facility for older adults and the mobility impaired and providing services to support older adults to age in place.

Today, the “Y” has embraced the diverse and multicultural tableau of New York's 13th district. All staff are trained in cultural diversity and services all offered in English, Spanish, and Russian. The commitment of the “Y” remains steadfast by expanding its after school program, senior center services, and establishment of a new Camp Twelve Trails program. Over the last century, the “Y” has continued to innovate and serve the needs of New York's 13th district.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate and commemorate the centennial anniversary of the YM&YWA of Washington Heights and Inwood. I sincerely hope that all Members of Congress will have the benefit of such an institution to one day laud and commemorate 100 years of service as I do today.

REINA GUTIERREZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Reina Gutierrez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Reina Gutierrez is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Reina Gutierrez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Reina Gutierrez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

FORT BEND SOFTBALL TEAM
WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Bend Christian Academy (FBCA) softball team of Sugar Land for winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) State Championship.

The FBCA softball team beat Dallas Christian 6–2 in the Division II final, concluding an incredible 24–8 season. Their season included an undefeated District 7 championship, along with complete domination in their four playoff games, outscoring opponents 37–2. The

FBCA softball team isn't a stranger to winning though. Over the past 11 years, the FBCA softball team has won six TAPPS State Championships, including last year's 2016 title. That's great.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the FBCA softball team for winning (again) the TAPPS State Championship. We are so proud of all their hard work and look forward to next year's state championship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday evening June 6 I was not present for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 287, and YEA on Roll Call No. 286.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CON-
GREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
SOUTH DENNIS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the Congregational Church of South Dennis in Massachusetts.

Founded in 1817 by a collection of sea captains, the Congregational Church of South Dennis today remains widely renowned as the Sea Captains' Church. Prior to its foundation, since 1795, a house of worship was built at the very location upon which the current building stands. From 1795 to 1817 the people of South Dennis shared ministers with North Dennis and Harwich. In 1817, the church received its first full-time minister, Reverend John Sanford, and was formally organized into the Congregational Church of South Dennis. Construction of the current building used by the church was completed in 1837.

The Congregational Church is further recognized for its unique feature—the oldest working organ in the United States. Built in 1762 by Swiss organ builder John Snetzler in London, England, very little is known regarding its journey to the United States. Historians confirm that it was acquired by the Congregational Church of South Dennis on September 22, 1854 for \$600—where it has remained for over 160 years and delights and moves listeners through its chords and music every Sunday.

Today, the Congregational Church is made up of an intimate, dedicated community of loving, caring, and welcoming neighbors. Part of the United Church of Christ, the church is led by Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Congregational Church has organized a concert and guided tours of the meetinghouse and cemetery, which will showcase the church's fascinating history and ties to seafaring.

Mr. Speaker, the 200th Anniversary of the Congregational Church of South Dennis is testament to the culture of acceptance and grace